## Legislative address

Hello my name is elie mulumba im from bridgeport Ct thank you senator cathy osten, doug mccrory representative toni walker and antonio felipe I believe that families should have the choice of attending whatever school will be able to meet the individual needs of their children because that's what education is all about preparing children and making sure they have the abilities needed to go out in the real world and prosper and everyone deserves the right to the proper tools needed to accomplish that goal there should be no excuse as to why some children don't have the necessary tools needed for success because the state is deciding that a 6.4 billion dollar budget surplus should be saved for something more important than the education of children when upping funds for charter schools could allow them the ability to hire more tutors hire more teachers have the proper supplies to have interesting and engaging hands on classes Proper mental health supports for students on top of adding necessary resources for classrooms and students . in my experience being in a charter school since 6th grade was the best decision my parents made because the teaching system used allowed me to have one on one support with tutors whenever i needed it and it was extremely helpful and to imagine what could be if we convince the state legislature to up the funding for charter schools it would not only benefit entire communities as a whole and kids who are in charter schools but it would benefit my school because here teachers have to share classrooms with each other because there's not enough space and that limits the amount of classes and electives we can have at a time and tutors are far and thin but if we received adequate funding we would able to have the proper facilities to hold all of courses and get the tutors we need . And I say again there should be no reason as to why children in charter schools are being denied the same rights that public school children have. Thank You for your time. support fair funding for charter schools please make sure all kids are funded on their needs as individuals and not on what school they go to